

Canaan, NH



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County

Grafton

Labor Market Area

Lebanon NH-VT Micro-NECTA, NH Portion

Tourism Region

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission

Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee

Regional Development

Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 1

State Senate

District 5

State Representative

Grafton County Districts 11, 16

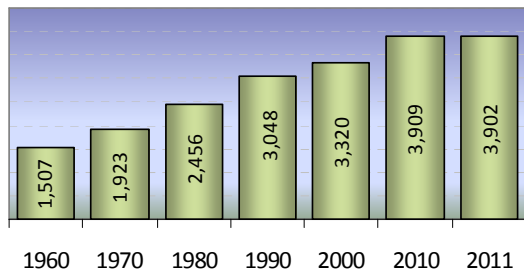
Incorporated: 1761

Origin: First chartered in 1761, the town probably took its name from the hometown of early settlers from Canaan, Connecticut. Not all the grantees became permanent settlers, and a new charter was issued in 1769. According to the Canaan Historical Society, the first train passed through in November 1847 with Daniel Webster on board, and the railroad operations sparked rapid business growth in Canaan Village. In September 1907, Canaan was the site of a tragic train accident, the collision of a passenger train and a freight, resulting in 25 dead and an equal number injured.

Villages and Place Names: Canaan Center, Canaan Street, West Canaan

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 504 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Canaan totaled 2,395 over 51 years, from 1,507 in 1960 to 3,902 in 2011. The largest decennial percent change was a 28 percent



increase, which occurred between

1960 and 1970, and also between 1970 and 1980. The 2011 Census estimate for Canaan was 3,902 residents, ranking 97th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 73.4 persons per square mile of land area. Canaan contains 53.3 square miles of land area and 1.8 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2012	\$3,522,925
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Zoning Ordinance	None
Master Plan	2006
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Checklist
Appointed:	Conservation; Recreation; Historic District; Capital Improvement; Meeting House Preservation; Museum Curators

Public Library **Canaan Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	17 miles 381
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	15 miles 25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	NH Electric Coop; National Grid
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Canaan Water Department
Sanitation	Canaan Sewer Dept
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2011 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.34
2011 Equalization Ratio	90.9
2011 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.43

2011 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	83.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.2%

HOUSING

(ACS 2007-2011)

Total Housing Units	1,884
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,285
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	65
Five or More Units in Structure	16
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	518

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2011	3,902	88,923
2010	3,909	89,118
2000	3,320	81,826
1990	3,048	74,998
1980	2,456	65,806
1970	1,923	54,914

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender		
Male	2,113	Female 1,752

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	112
Age 5 to 19	836
Age 20 to 34	490
Age 35 to 54	1,345
Age 55 to 64	604
Age 65 and over	478
Median Age	44.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	88.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	21.5%

INCOME, 2011 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$

(ACS 2007-2011)

Per capita income	\$26,964
Median 4-person family income	\$63,930
Median household income	\$62,226

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$46,250
Female	\$37,287

Families below the poverty level	4.5%
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LABOR FORCE

(NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2001	2011
Civilian labor force	1,902	2,386
Employed	1,855	2,277
Unemployed	47	109
Unemployment rate	2.5%	4.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2001	2011
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	72	69
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 499	\$ 801
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	181	314
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 456	\$ 643
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	253	383
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 468	\$ 671
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	275	246
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 414	\$ 748
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	528	628
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 440	\$ 701

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Mascoma Valley Regional (Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Orange)**District: **SAU 62**Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Career and Technical Center, White River Junction VT**Region: **7**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	6-9
Total Enrollment	279	391	397	200

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*):Total Facilities: **5**Total Capacity: **143**Nearest Community/Technical College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Colby-Sawyer; Lebanon**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Mascoma Valley Regional School District	Education	117	
Cardigan School	Private school	50	
Barker Steel	Steel fabrication	40	1999
CLE	Race track	25	
Town of Canaan	Municipal services	20	1761
Mitchell Paddles, Inc.	Canoe paddles	5	1980

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	118
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 17
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		Advance Transit
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lebanon Municipal	Runway	5,496 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	18 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		80 miles
Portland, Maine		172 miles
Boston, Mass.		130 miles
New York City, NY		283 miles
Montreal, Quebec		202 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK*(ACS 2007-2011)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.5%
Public transportation	1.2%
Walked	1.0%
Other means	5.3%
Worked at home	3.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.6 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

Working in community of residence	82.0%
Commuting to another NH community	10.1%
Commuting out-of-state	8.0%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Dartmouth Skiway**

Other: